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ENERGY DIVISION PLANS GRANTS WORKSHOPS

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Idahoans looking for grants and loans to help develop wind power projects and other renewable energy projects will want to attend one of seven special workshops being held around the state in March, the Idaho Energy Division announced today.

The workshops will provide information about grants and loans from section 9006 of the 2002 Farm Bill created specifically to assist small businesses and producers develop wind power, geothermal, and biomass projects. Grant specialists will be there to help provide information on how to develop wind power projects, plus training to successfully organize, write and submit an application for funding assistance under the Farm Bill.

Also on hand will be individuals who have actually applied for and received grants under the Farm Bill wind power development program.

The workshops are free to the public and no advance registration is required.

Workshops will be held:

- March 8 in Boise, 1:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport, 3300 Vista Ave.;
- March 9 in Twin Falls, 9 a.m. to noon at the Red Lion, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd.;
- March 9 in Pocatello, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Cottontree Inn, 1415 Bench Rd.;
- March 10 in Idaho Falls, 9 a.m. to noon at the Red Lion, 475 River Parkway;
- March 10 in Salmon, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn, 201 Hwy 93 N;
- March 11 in Coeur d'Alene, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Inn, 414 W Appleway;
and
- March 12 in Lewiston, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sacajawea Center, 1824 Main St.

The workshops are sponsored by the Idaho Wind Power Working Group, U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Powering America, the US Department of Agriculture Idaho Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Idaho Rural Council, the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and the Idaho Energy Division.